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PAPER INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the strategy formulated by the Government to explore alternatives in wood, agro-residue and waste paper to enhance the raw material used for paper industry in the country; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to meet the shortage of raw material?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) & (b) : Besides allowing the import of raw material for the paper industry at a nominal customs duty of 5% on import, Government is supporting research and development activities for improving the fibre yield of plant species used as raw material, upgrading of agro-residues and the quality of waste paper recycled by the paper industry.